

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring next to FIGS. 12-17D, flow restrictor 117 consisting of a plug 124 and a hollow housing or insert 125 constructed to receive plug 124. Plug 124 includes a tapered shaft 226 having a length L_1 , e.g. about 1.5 inches, a screw thread section 227, and an O-ring ~~128~~ 228 at a proximal end 262. Tapered shaft 226 has a taper angle of approximately 1.5 degrees. Screw thread section 227 includes screw threads 231a and 231b separated from one another by a first gap 232a and a second gap 232b. Without gaps 232a and 232b, screw threads 231a and 231b would form one continuous thread around the circumference of plug 124. Each gap 231a and 232b extends 90 degrees about the circumference of plug 124. Plug 124 is made of a suitable material such as polyethylene and the like so it is softer than the housing material.